

Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Attorney's Office

September 15, 2009

Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Date

	Referral to	Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee					
	Subject	Acceptance of State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant Award					
	for \$179,532 Programs pro	ation: That the proper City officials be authorized to execute a grant contract with the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice viding grant funds to the City Attorney's Office to hire a new Victim Witness a two-year period.					
	Previous Dir None	rectives					
	Prepared or Submitted by Peter Ginder, Deputy City Attorney, 673-2478						
W	Approved by Sysan Segal, City Attorney, 673-3262						
	Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval Not ApplicableX						
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	Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.						
	Presenter in (Committee: Peter Ginder, Deputy City Attorney, Civil Division					
	Financial Im	pact (Check those that apply)					
	No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).						
	X Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or X Operating Budget (01300-1400100) in the amount of \$179,532 spread over a two-year period.						
	\underline{X} Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase to the CAO Operating Budget (01300-1400100), in the amount of \$179,532 spread over a two-year period.						
	Action requires use of contingency or reserves.						
	Business F	lan: Action is within the plan Action requires a change to plan.					
	Other fina	ncial impact (Explain):					

Request provided to department's finance contact whe	en prov	ided to	the Com	mittee
Coordinator.	•			

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification - N/A

City Goals - A Safe Place to Call Home

Comprehensive Plan - N/A

Zoning Code - N/A

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Since 1996, the City Attorney's Office (CAO) has employed one Victim Witness Assistant (VMA) who works exclusively with victims and witnesses in domestic-related cases that the CAO prosecutes. The grant funds will allow the City Attorney's Office to hire an additional VWA position, through an outside vendor, to work with victims and witnesses on all general crimes cases prosecuted by the CAO. The grant award period is January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. See attached grant award letter dated September 9, 2009 for additional information.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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September 9, 2009

Susan Segal City Attorney City of Minneapolis Attorney's Office 333 South 7th Street, Suite #300 Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Susan Segal;

I am pleased to inform you that the City of Minneapolis Attorney's Office proposal number 9028 submitted for a Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant for the Crime Victim Assistant has been selected for funding. The tentative award amount is \$179,532 contingent upon final negotiation of a work plan and budget.

The Recovery Act application process was very competitive, with 334 proposals requesting more than \$111 million. OJP is awarding 7 state agency grants and 40 grants to local governments and not-for-profit organizations totaling \$16 million.

A grant manager will be contacting you soon to finalize negotiations. A mandatory grantee orientation workshop will be held this fall with more information on expedited reporting requirements.

Keep in mind that grant agreements must be fully executed within 30 days of receipt with subcontracts executed and grant activities beginning within 60 days. We encourage you to start the administrative processes to retain and hire grant staff immediately.

Congratulations on being selected for funding! Only those proposals that hired, reinstated or maintained staff, employed best practices and improved the criminal justice system were selected. We look forward to working with you on this Recovery Act initiative.

Sincerely,

Tricia Hummel
Director, Community and Justice Grants Division, Office of Justice Programs

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